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In re Patent Application of:
Chao, *et al.*

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For: INSTRUMENT FOR INSERTING,
ADJUSTING AND REMOVING PEDICLE
SCREWS AND OTHER ORTHOPEDIC
IMPLANTS

Examiner: Paul B. Prebilic

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 3, 2006 (Paper No. 20060622), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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